GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Infrastructure & Investment Department – Certain allegations levelled against Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada-Disciplinary Proceedings instituted under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Enquiry conducted – Penalty of withholding of two (2) Increments of pay with cumulative effect imposed – Orders issued - Appeal filed by Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada – Appeal allowed partially – Reduce the punishment of withholding of two (2) Increments of pay with cumulative effect already imposed to that of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect - Orders - Issued.

INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (PORTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.29 Dated: 20.06.2022

Read the following:-

1. Charge Memo. No.DoP/B1/977/2018, dated 14.05.2018 of the Director of Ports, A.P., Kakinada.
2. Proceedings No.CEO/B1/977/2018, dated 14.07.2020 of the Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board.
3. Appeal Petition dt 04.09.2020 of Sri M.V Rama Rao, Port Conservator,Kakinada
4. From the C.E.O., APMB Lr.No.DoP/B1/977/2018, dated 28.10.2021

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director of Ports, AP., Kakinada has initiated departmental action against Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada by issuing Articles of Charges against him on the allegations that he had failed to perform his duties by not informing the higher authorities regarding un-authorized sailing of Tug KKD 334 from the Fishing Harbour, Kakinada without taking port clearance and without paying pending amount and has caused enormous revenue loss to the Government and not inspected the Fishing Harbour and failed to identify the movement vessels i.e KKD 334 and FVSM 338 and he had intentionally put up a draft notice for signature of Port Officer, demanding dues of the vessels of M/s.Balaji Marine including KKD-334 and willfully did not bring the facts to the notice of the authorities.

2. After following due procedure in terms of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, the Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board has issued orders in the reference 2nd read above, imposing the penalty of withholding of two (2) Increments of pay with cumulative effect against the charged officer Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada under Clause (vi) of Rule 9 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, as the Enquiry Officer held that, the charges framed against him were held proved.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada has filed an Appeal Petition before the Government and stated he has not misappropriated any funds/ collection amount etc., and not misbehaved towards anybody. Further, he has

informed that he has a major family depend upon him for their lively-hood and other daily needs and he has no other alternative financial sources except this job and salary as source of income and he has requested to do justice by dropping further action on humanitarian grounds or descend the punishment proposed to be inflicted. and requested to allow his appeal petition and drop further action against him.

4. The matter has been examined in detail and a Personal hearing was conducted on 10.01.2022. During the personal hearing, the charged officer has submitted his written representation and stated that entrusting the additional duties and un-connected responsibilities to me made hurdles for his regular functions. If there was any mistake or ignorance of any important things, and if the Port Officer felt that it is not proper, as a competent authority, can guide him and to keep him on a correct path. He has requested do justice to him on humanitarian grounds, by descending the punishment awarded i.e withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect issued vide proceedings dated 14.07.2020 from the CEO, APMB, by stating that awarded punishment comes under the purview of double Jeopardy which impact falls his even Pension also.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to allow the Appeal Petition of Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada partially, and to reduce the punishment of withholding of two (2) Increments of pay with cumulative effect already imposed to that of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect against the charged officer Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reduce the punishment of withholding of two (2) Increments of pay with cumulative effect already imposed to that of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect against the charged officer Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada.

7. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

8. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M.V.Ramarao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Officer Kakinada through the CEO, APMB
The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board.
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